

PECO Cross Country League 2026 AGM Minutes

Minutes of the League AGM held at The Black Horse, Otley on Monday 7th September

Attendance: The following clubs were represented at the meeting: Abbey Runners, Ackworth Road Runners, Bradford Airedale AC, Chapel Allerton Runners, Harrogate Harriers, Horsforth Fellandale, Hyde Park Harriers, Ilkley Harriers, Kirkstall Harriers, Knaresborough Striders, Nidd Valley Road Runners, Otley AC, Pudsey & Bramley AC, Rothwell Harriers, Roundhay Runners, Saltaire Striders, St Theresa's AC, Valley Striders, York Triathlon Club.

Also in attendance were Mark Hetherington (League Coordinator), Bob Jackson (League Junior Coordinator) and Roger Wilson (League Treasurer)

Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Horsforth Harriers, Kippax Harriers, Vale of York AC, York Postal Harriers and John Ward (League Website Manager)

Matters arising from the 2025-26 season: There were no matters arising.

Treasurer's report and statement of accounts: The League Treasurer presented the accounts for the 2025-26 season. These were accepted by the meeting. The accounts showed a surplus on the year of £1817.79. In addition, interest of £418.35 was accrued on the funds in the League's savings account.

Consideration of charitable donations from League funds: The meeting voted to donate both the surplus on the year, and the interest accrued on savings, to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. A donation of £2236.14 will be made.

Election of league officers for 2025-26: The following League officers were re-elected unopposed:

League Coordinator: Mark Hetherington

League Junior Coordinator: Bob Jackson

League Treasurer: Roger Wilson

League Website Manager: John Ward

Selection of Race Dates & Host Clubs for 2025-26: The following dates, venues and host / assistant clubs were agreed by the meeting. These fixtures remain provisional until confirmation of permission from the relevant Local Authority has been received.

Fixture	Date	Venue	Host / Assistant Clubs
Race 1	November 8 th 2026	Temple Newsam	STAC / Nidd Valley RR
Race 2	December 13 th 2026	Pontefract Park	Ackworth RR / Rothwell Harriers
Race 3	January 3 rd 2027	Middleton Park	Hyde Park Harriers / Kippax Harriers (co-hosts)
Race 4	January 31 st 2027	West Park / Beckett Park	Abbey Runners / Horsforth Harriers
Race 5	February 21 st 2027	Roundhay Park	Chapel Allerton Runners / Roundhay Runners
Relays	March 7 th 2027	Middleton Park	Rothwell Harriers

Consideration of an application from Thirsk & Sowerby Harriers to join the League:

The League agreed that Thirsk & Sowerby Harriers would be allowed to join the League as 'individual members'. This means that their runners will be eligible for individual series points and prizes, but they will not be included in the team tables. This situation will be reviewed at next year's AGM.

Consideration of a request to introduce Junior Team tables: A proposal from Vale of York AC to introduce team tables for the Junior races was considered and agreed in principle. The details and scoring system will be worked out by the League Junior Coordinator and the junior club representatives.

Consideration of league structure, member clubs and scoring system: Other than the addition of Thirsk & Sowerby Harriers to the League as 'individual members', no changes have been made to the league structure, member clubs or scoring system. Promotion and relegation will be '2 up, 2 down' in all divisions at the end of the coming season. No changes to the race entry fees were proposed.

Consideration of the arrangements for the PECO Relays & League

Presentation Event: The meeting agreed that the Relays will be held at Middleton Park, using the same course as last season, with Rothwell Harriers hosting the event. The League Presentation event will again be held at Brudenell Social Club on a Friday evening in March (date TBC), providing that the venue is available.

Discussion of the need for a written League Constitution: York Triathlon Club proposed that the League adopt a written constitution, similar to those adopted by other race leagues. The meeting agreed with this proposal, and York Triathlon Club undertook to provide a copy of the constitution of their local road race league to the League Coordinator, who will use this as a template for writing a constitution for the PECO XC League. This will then be circulated to club reps for approval.

Any other business: There being no other business, the meeting was concluded.